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FOL REPEAT OF THE HAGUE 1292 TO SECSTATE MAR 11

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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 1292

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SUBJECT: KLM CAPACITY ISSUE

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1. CHARGE DELIVERED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE AT FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY AFTERNOON OF MARCH 11 TO STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST, WHO PROMISED TO CABLE TEXT TO FONMIN VAN DER STOEL IN DUBLIN IMMEDIATELY. BRINKHORST THOUGHT IT BEST NOT RPT NOT TO MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BUT HE DID ASK QUESTION ABOUT THE FORM WHICH AN UNDERSTANDING AS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY COULD TAKE. CHARGE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER INDICATING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES OR A COMBINATION OF THEM SUCH AS A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT BY OUR
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TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THE OCCASION OF PUBLICATION OF A

NEW KLM SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS TO THE US FOR THE COMING SUMMER AND WINTER SEASONS. IN ANSWER TO ANOTHER QUESTION, CHARGE SAID SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL WOULD COVER THE COMING AVIATION YEAR, FOLLOWING WHICH IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

2. IN ORDER TO IMPRESS UPON BRINKHORST THE NEED FOR A PROMPT REPLY, HE WAS APPRISED OF THE INFORMATION IN PARA 7 REFTEL REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE CAB ON MARCH 5, WHICH ALLOWS PRESIDENT TEN-DAY PERIOD THEREAFTER WITHIN WHICH TO DISAPPROVE OR STAY PROPOSED ORDER. BRINKHORST SAID HE WOULD INFORM VAN DER STOEL OF THIS TIMING FACTOR, INCLUDING PRESCRIBED SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IF THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT DISAPPROVE OR STAY THE CAB ORDER.

3. BRINKHORST READILY AGREED TO CHARGE'S REQUEST FOR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION ON SECRETARY'S LETTER AND SAID HE EXPECTED TO HAVE AN EXPEDITIOUS REPLY FROM VAN DER STOEL AFTER NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE GON.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO THE SECRETARY.
TANGUY UNQTE INGERSOLL

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